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SUBJECT: CHAD: AU TO ESTABLISH OFFICE

¶1. Ambassador Mahmoud Kane, the new head of the AU
Liaison Office in N'djamena, paid a call on the
Ambassador December 7, 2005 to introduce himself and
explain his mission in Chad. His mandate will be to
coordinate between the AU and the Government of Chad
(GOC) and with "all partners." He was in N'djamena to
meet with GOC and to set up arrangements for his new
office. He is traveling to Sudan next week "to be
briefed on Darfur" and will return in a week or so to
Chad to officially open up the office.

¶2. Ambassador Kane informed the Ambassador that he
will have a small staff -- himself, a military liaison
and some local staff. He will be coordinating closely
with AMIS and will oversee the AU office in Abeche. He
will also be monitoring the situation of the refugees
on Chadian territory and following the negotiations.
He reported that the hope is that having direct
contacts will make a difference in the peace process.
Following a meeting the previous day with the Chadian
Minister for Territorial Administration, he did not
feel that there was that difference between the Chadian
and the AU position. The Ambassador warmly welcomed
the establishment of the office and looked forward to
working with Ambassador Kane.

¶3. Bio note: Ambassador Kane is a Mauritanian who
worked for some 17 years for the OAU before moving to
the UN to work at MONUC in DROC(1999-2005). Now he is
back at the AU.

¶4. Comment: The opening of an AU office to handle the
press of Darfur business and other issues here is long
overdue. End comment.

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